

FINANCIAL REGULATORY LESSONS FROM ABROAD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine financial regulatory lessons from abroad, after receiving testimony from David Green, former Head of International Policy, Financial Services Authority, London, United Kingdom; Jeffrey Carmichael, Promontory Financial Group Australasia, Republic of Singapore; W. Edmund Clark, TD Bank Financial Group, Toronto, Ontario; and David G. Nason, Promontory Financial Group LLC, Washington, D.C.

TRUST LANDS FOR INDIAN TRIBES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine executive branch authority to acquire trust lands for Indian tribes, after receiving testimony from Lawrence E. Long, South Dakota Attorney General, Sacramento, California, on behalf of the Conference of Western Attorneys General; Edward P. Lazarus, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld, LLP, Los Angeles, California; and W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts: Senators Whitehouse (Chair), Feinstein, Feingold, Schumer, Cardin, Kaufman, Sessions, Grassley, Kyl, and Graham.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights: Senators Kohl (Chair), Schumer, Whitehouse, Wyden, Klobuchar, Kaufman, Specter, Hatch, Grassley, and Cornyn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution: Senators Feingold (Chair), Feinstein, Durbin, Cardin, Whitehouse, Specter, Coburn, Kyl, Cornyn, and Graham.

Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs: Senators Specter (Chair), Kohl, Feinstein, Feingold, Schumer, Durbin, Cardin, Klobuchar, Kaufman, Graham, Hatch, Grassley, Sessions, and Coburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security: Senators Schumer (Chair), Leahy, Feinstein, Durbin, Whitehouse, Wyden, Cornyn, Grassley, Kyl, and Sessions.

Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security: Senators Cardin (Chair), Kohl, Feinstein, Schumer, Durbin, Wyden, Kaufman, Kyl, Hatch, Sessions, Cornyn, and Coburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law: Senators Durbin (Chair), Feingold, Cardin, Kaufman, Specter, Coburn, Cornyn, and Graham.

Senators Leahy and Sessions are ex-officio members of each of the Subcommittees.

RECOVERY ACT CONTRACTING AND ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of small business in recovery act contracting, after receiving testimony from Joseph G. Jordan, Associate Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; Gerardo Franco, Chief, Procurement Assistance Division, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Transportation; Sharon Arnold, SSACC, Inc., Pontiac, Illinois; Joe Flynn, University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services, Nashville, on behalf of the Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers; Sylvia Medina, North Wind, Inc., Idaho Falls, Idaho, on behalf of Women Impacting Public Policy; and Theresa Alfaro Daytner, Daytner Construction Group, Mt. Airy, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following items:

S. 252, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans;

S. 407, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

S. 423, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority;

S. 475, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency;

S. 669, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes;

S. 728, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance benefits, with an amendment; and

S. 801, to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers.